

Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 14, 2017

Called to order at 6:30 P.M

BOS Members Present: J. Bailey, J. Hotchkiss, J. Caliri

Pledge Recited

Approved By
Board of Selectmen


Signature Action:

J. Hotchkiss motions to approve the minutes from the BOS meeting 08/07/2017. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.

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Highway Block Grant unanticipated funds- R. Washburn talked about possibilities that the funds can be spent on such as loader extras like a brush hog or roller. Possible boom truck is a possibility but renting one might be a better option. L. Parker will look into where these funds should be located.

USDA Grant- J. Hotchkiss speaks about a loan or grant program for small towns. Currently the grant process is open. It can be used for public works equipment. He has called for more information. Approval can be up to 75% of the project. J. Hotchkiss publically thanks the Highway Department for looking into this.

School Lights- J. Hotchkiss speaks regarding the confirmation on the school blinking lights. Question was if the quote was for both needed lights. The quote was only for one light, so the price would need to be doubled. Lights will be controlled by the police. J. Hotchkiss motions to accept the which is option number 2. J. Caliri and J. Bailey both agree. Question regarding adequate lighting for the lights. This will be looked at before ordering.

Police Carport/ Entryway- tabled. Chief Blodgett states this is not a necessity. It was for the building improvement.

Posted road ordinance- L. Parker provided the board with a copy of the posted road ordinance for the board approval. J. Bailey read aloud the document. J. Hotchkiss moves to accept the application effective immediately. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.

Parking Ordinance- This ordinance needs to be reviewed and updated. Ordinance should include the process. Chief Blodgett will look at other towns and see if he can find a sample.

Noise Ordinance- J. Bailey read the disorderly resident ordinance. This ordinance could have the landlord paying the fines. J. Bailey feels that the tenant should be the one being fined. Chief Blodgett spoke about this ordinance in Franklin. The purpose is that Police are responding to the same location time after time for the same reasons. This notice would go to the landlord to make them deal with their tenant. Discussion on the possibility on having a noise ordinance in town. Should the town have a time limit on noise?

Beach Commissioner- J. Hotchkiss motions to hire the new beach commissioner Debra Savignano at a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour submitted monthly. Residents using the beach without a permit will be warned. Second offense the police will be called.

MS 535 was returned by the auditor for adjustments. Board needed to resign.

Training Memo- Harassment training and Slip, Trip and Fall training needs to be completed for all employees. Memo was approved and handed out to all department heads.

Waste Management sticker quote was provided to the board. Discussion on how many stickers to order. Each sticker will be \$10.00. J. Hotchkiss motions to move to purchase 2,500 bulk waste stickers to be use starting this fall. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.

Old Business

Strafford Regional Planning Representative will now be Mackenzie Brisson and alternative will be John Caliri.

Resident Complaint Update- J. Hotchkiss will follow-up with a letter letting the complainant know that the Board of Selectmen has decided not to take any action against the Middleton Police Department or Chief Blodgett.

School Request for Equipment- J. Hotchkiss welcomes Linda Adamo as the school board representative. J. Hotchkiss speaks about the school asking for the town's assistance in moving the rocks and barriers in order to place bark mulch in the playground. Offloading of the playground equipment will be Friday during the day. Monday the school would like moving the woodchips. R. Washburn thinks his equipment is too big for that project. Yellow tape will be placed where the barriers are currently located until they are replaced by the Highway Department.

Department Heads:

- Town Clerk/Tax Collector-reports submitted to the BOS.
- Assessing- Gwen presented an abatement that went to the BTLA. Avitar recommends the mediated agreement between Ciampa and the Town. J. Hotchkiss motions to accept the agreement. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor. Gwen revisited the timber cut for the Sherwoods (map 14 lot 49). Gwen is requesting to abate the previous bill that was produced on the estimated cut due to the lack of information. She now has received the requested information and the new bill will be produced. J. Hotchkiss moves to accept the report as amended. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor. J. Hotchkiss motions to approve the re-bill for the Sherwoods. J. Bailey seconds, all in favor. G. English speaks about the utility pole issue. There is a formula now for assessing poles. Before they can proceed on implementing this needs to be approved by the board. This will stay in place unless the law changes. Gwen read aloud the agreement with formula. Gwen explained the way the utilities are currently assessed. This would end all litigations from NNETC immediately. Board does not want to sign without more information. Gwen will invite Avitar to the next Board meeting August 28. Since this was not approved we need to request an extension for the MS 1. J. Hotchkiss motions to approve the extension. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.
- Planning Board- Submitted the CIP. School has their section that is not fully completed.
- Fire/EMS- Report provided to the Board. Scheduling a walk-through of Middleton Building Supply. GPS units have been ordered. New air pacs are in. One will have a thermal imaging camera. There is an in-service training on this tomorrow night. Boot drive on Saturday. FD will also be helping the school with their playground build. K. McMullen passed his first responder test. J. Caliri is scheduled to test.
- Police- Monthly report submitted. Chief Blodgett speaks about the patrol rifles that were purchased. He is still looking to clean up the carport area and purchase a couple of trash bins. He would like to have the floors polished. He would also like to dispose of the old shredder. Board approved to dispose of the shredder. Chief would like to enroll the officers in Police One training. This could cost about \$772.00. Board approves the expenditure. Chief Blodgett would like to change the Police patch. There would be no set up fee. The next time he orders patches he would order the new design. Chief Blodgett spoke about rocks in the pit. R. Washburn does not have a problem with

Blodgett taking some rocks. J. Hotchkiss motions to approve Chief Blodgett to remove rocks from the pit as needed. J. Caliri, all in favor.

- Code enforcement- No report provided
- Emergency Management- Middleton has been lucky with storms.
- Highway- R. Washburn speaks about the plow welding. The screen is completed. Received prices for sandblasting one is \$4,450.00. Board approved the expenditure. Road project dirt portion is completed. The remainder of the project will cost more due to stumps being in 4-5 feet deep. This cost could increase 1,850.00. This project used 300 feet of swamp map that was not included in the original cost and the town has not been charged. R. Washburn received a cost for clearing another section of the pit in the amount of \$14,000. Board approves the expenditure. Had to replace tires on the excavator due to a flat and a bad tire. Triple P replaced them and gave the best deal. Trucking issues on Ridge Road; been posted 10 tons for years. It's now posted for no thru trucking. Trucks are all over this road; every morning and every night. There is a construction company running on this road. The driveway permit was for residential not commercial. This issue needs to be addressed. The road is getting worse each week. He wants it on the record of bringing this to the board's attention. Also on the dirt portion of New Durham road it is posted due to the culvert are not buried deep enough for the large trucks. The dirt road is not set up for the truck traffic. J. Bailey suggested talking to New Durham and have the road posted the same on each side. This can be GPS updated. Town is starting to spend more money than should on these roads. Possibly need to post a weight limit. Board approves the posting of the road. J. Bailey will make sure Police is aware of the new postings. R. Washburn will wait one week to post the signs. New Durham Highway Department asked if Middleton could help them with the calcium truck. R. Washburn just wants the board to be aware that the two towns have been helping each other for years. They will be loaning us their chipper. Salt prices have increase. R. Washburn rented a loader for the road project and the invoice should be coming soon
- Zoning Board- No Report
- Cemetery – Board met and discussed some plot ideas. One possibility could be buying the lot on the corner of Pinkham and Route 153. Another possibility could be off New Durham road towards Tanglewood.
- School Board- Regular meeting is second Wednesday of the month. Open house is the September 23rd and the first day of school is the September 5th. No tools are needed to help with the playground build. Individuals from the Playground Company will be there to direct all.
- Treasury- L. Parker provided her report. No report from the treasurer. J. Caliri brought up aged checks. The treasurer needs to handle these. J. Bailey will advise the treasurer to complete the process.

Junkyard checklist for a junkyard permit was sent to the board. The checklist needs to be update to follow town guidelines.

New Business

Coverage for Electronic Day- 8-12 this Saturday. J. Bailey will sit 8-12 in the Ridge Road Pit. J. Hotchkiss will be at the Highway Garage 8-12.

Public Participation

J. Coskie states Middleton was represented in Massachusetts serving meals. This was set up by Roger Mains.

Non-public meeting was canceled.

J. Hotchkiss motions to adjourn at 9:13 PM. J. Caliri seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Parker, BOS Secretary